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Serial No.:

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IMMUNOSUPPRESSION BY BLOCKING T CELL CO-STIMULATION

SIGNAL 2 (B7/CD28 INTERACTION)

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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued April 30, 1999 for the PCT counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. PCT/GB99/01350), in which the presently disclosed references were cited. The Search Report use the symbols "A" [document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance] and "X" [document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone]. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, or the Search Report utilizes conventional codes to characterize each cited reference, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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